

He held positions with the U.S. Federal Government Printing Office as a pressman, the U.S. Post Office as a letter carrier, and later joined the private sector in the board sales business. In 2003, Walter joined the American Association of Retired Persons' Senior Community Services Employment Program, AARP/SCSEP, as a job developer. Walter flourished in this environment, directly impacting the lives of over 1,000 seniors who participate in the program for employment placement services. In 2010, Walter was promoted to be assistant director of the program. In 6 years, he missed only one day of work.

Madam Speaker, Waldestrudis Torres was an outstanding individual and an extraordinary example of American strength and character. Hardworking and large-hearted, he placed service to community and country above all else and should be remembered for his deep sense of commitment to others. I ask that my colleagues join me in honoring the life of Waldestrudis "Walter" Torres.

ON JESSIE PAVLINAC'S SERVICE  
AS PRESIDENT OF THE AMERICAN  
DIETETIC ASSOCIATION

**HON. KURT SCHRADER**

OF OREGON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, May 18, 2010*

Mr. SCHRADER. Madam Speaker, my state of Oregon has its share of remarkable people. One of whom I wish to recognize today is a constituent of mine, Jessie Pavlinac, a registered dietitian from Oregon City.

As a registered dietitian, Jessie directs nutrition and patient services for adult and pediatric patients at Oregon Health and Science University Hospitals and Clinics in Portland. She is an instructor at OHSU's School of Medicine, the preceptor for the dietetic internship program where she has influenced the careers of thousands of dietitians for more than 27 years, and is also a faculty member of the University of Phoenix in Portland. Her specialty in dietetics is the complex area of renal nutrition and transplant nutrition support, both of which will increase in importance owing to our nation's aging population.

She and her husband Randy, and their two sons, lived for nearly 20 years on a small family berry farm, an experience which has given her a life-long commitment to a reliable, sustainable and safe food supply for the health of our nation.

Jessie Pavlinac's commitment to good nutrition and health has led her to numerous leadership positions in the American Dietetic Association, the world's largest organization of food and nutrition professionals. Since June 1, 2009, Jessie has served as ADA's 84th president. Her term as president expires at the end of May. Among the many accomplishments of the American Dietetic Association during Jessie Pavlinac's presidency, ADA will end this Fiscal Year on May 31 with its largest membership ever—more than 71,000.

In addition to serving her patients and students, Jessie has held numerous positions in the dietetics profession, including president of both the Portland Dietetic Association and the Oregon Dietetic Association. A partial listing of her many awards and honors includes the National Kidney Foundation Council on Renal

Nutrition Recognized Dietitian Award, OHSU's "Hidden Treasure" Award, ADA's Council on Education Outstanding Dietetics Educator, the Oregon Dietetic Association Award of Merit, and the 2006 Nutrition Ambassador Scholarship.

After completion of her bachelor's degree at Oregon State University, Jessie earned a master's degree from the University of Wisconsin.

Founded in 1917, ADA is committed to improving the nation's health and advancing the profession through research, education and advocacy. Approximately three-fourths of ADA's members are registered dietitians. Other members include dietetic technicians registered, educators, researchers, and students. In fact, nearly half of the membership holds advanced academic degrees. ADA members serve throughout the nation's healthcare system as well as in nonprofit organizations, schools, correctional facilities, government, and community organizations. They can also be found in the food industry, health clubs, weight management clinics, wellness centers, and as consultants.

Madam Speaker, I want to extend my congratulations and best wishes to Jessie Pavlinac for completing a successful term as President of the American Dietetic Association, and for her service to her patients, her colleagues, her profession, and our nation.

TRIBUTE TO VALERIE HILL,  
UNDERSHERIFF OF RIVERSIDE  
COUNTY

**HON. KEN CALVERT**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, May 18, 2010*

Mr. CALVERT. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor and pay tribute to an individual from the 44th congressional district of California for her outstanding contributions and achievements. Valerie Hill, a 31-year veteran of the Riverside County Sheriff's Department, was recently awarded the 2010 "ATHENA" Award of the Inland Valley for being a valued role model who represents excellence in her profession, extensive community service, and generous mentoring. The ATHENA Awards program, which was created in 1982 and is an extension of local Chamber of Commerce's, recognizes outstanding professional and business women in the community.

Valerie is the first woman to be undersheriff of Riverside County. Prior to this appointment, she received a bachelor's degree in business management and went on to be a female hostage negotiator field training officer and assistant sheriff. She has served in Lake Elsinore, Jurupa, Moreno Valley, and Riverside, where she has mentored many women in the department.

Valerie has received a number of awards recognizing her accomplishments. In 2006, she was president of the Southern California Jail Managers Association, and in 2007, she received the lifetime achievement award from the Law Enforcement Appreciation Committee. In 2002, she was a YWCA Woman of Achievement, in 2004 she was recognized as Inland Empire Magazine's Woman Who Makes a Difference, and in 2005 received the Gold Key Award from Soroptimist International.

She was president of Operation Safe House and the Riverside Area Rape Crisis Center and also served as chair for the YWCA's Evening of Achievement event. Additionally, Valerie makes time with her family to serve hot meals to the homeless and is an active member of Kiwanis of Riverside.

Valerie Hill's tireless passion for community and public service has contributed immensely to the betterment of the community of Riverside, California. I am proud to call Valerie a fellow community member and American. I know that many community members are grateful for her service and salute her as she receives this prestigious recognition of honor.

AMERICA COMPETES  
REAUTHORIZATION ACT OF 2010

SPEECH OF

**HON. BART GORDON**

OF TENNESSEE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, May 12, 2010*

The House in Committee of the Whole House on the State of the Union had under consideration the bill (H.R. 5116) to invest in innovation through research and development, to improve the competitiveness of the United States, and for other purposes:

Mr. GORDON of Tennessee. Madam Chair, I would like to thank Chairman MILLER of the Education and Labor Committee for working cooperatively with the Science and Technology Committee on H.R. 5116, the America Competes Reauthorization Act of 2010. Chairman MILLER has been a champion of STEM education in the House and his Committee has been very supportive in helping shape the STEM education provisions in the Competes Act. I insert into the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD an exchange of letters between the Committees on Science and Technology and Education and Labor.

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,  
COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION AND LABOR,

*Washington, DC, May 5, 2010.*

Hon. BART GORDON,  
Chairman, Committee on Science and Technology,  
House of Representatives, Washington, DC.

DEAR CHAIRMAN GORDON: In recognition of the desire to expedite consideration of H.R. 5116, the America COMPETES Reauthorization Act of 2010, the Committee on Education and Labor agrees to waive formal consideration of the bill as to provisions that fall within its rule X jurisdiction.

The Committee takes this action with our mutual understanding that by foregoing consideration of H.R. 5116 at this time, it does not waive any jurisdiction over subject matter contained in this or similar legislation, and that our Committee will be appropriately consulted and involved as the bill or similar legislation moves forward, so that we may address any remaining issues in our jurisdiction. The Committee also reserves the right to seek appointment of an appropriate number of conferees to any House-Senate conference involving this or similar legislation, and requests your support for any such request.

I would appreciate your including this letter in the Congressional Record during consideration of the bill on the House floor.

Thank you for your attention to this matter, and for the cooperative working relationship between our two committees.

Sincerely,

GEORGE MILLER,  
Chairman.